Dawei deep sea port in Myanmar and shipping links to sea ports in India as part and parcel of one integrated project.

(iii) Promotion of trade investment and tourism through facilitation of transit of goods and people across the border.

(iv) Cooperation in human resource development.

Two task forces have been set up for implementation of this project, the one on financing to be chaired by Thailand and the one on technical matters to be chaired by India. The two task forces are now expected to meet on May 9, 2002 in Yangon to hold discussions.

While in Myanmar, EAM also called on Secretary I, Lt. Gen. Khin Nyunt.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Extradition Treaty with Thailand

†3885. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to consider on Indo-Thailand Extradition Treaty;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any step in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) India and Thailand have exchanged drafts of the proposed extradition treaty. The matter is at a preliminary stage.

Job Seekers' Death Abroad

†3886. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indian lose their lives in the allurement of getting jobs in foreign countries;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the number of such cases noticed during the last six months and whether Government have taken any step so far to prevent such incidents; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) There have been some reports in the past of Indian nationals having lost their lives in going to foreign countries as illegal immigrants. However, no such instance has come to the notice of the Government during the last 6 months. No Indian national is reported to have died in the sinking of a boat last week carrying illegal immigrants near the coast of Greece.

Detailed guidelines have been issued by the Government under the Emigration Act, 1983 to the State Governments for taking strict action against recruiting agents/individuals who misguide Indian nationals with the promise of jobs in foreign countries.

Pakistani Citizenship to Dawood Ibrahim

3887. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's most wanted don Dawood Ibrahim was granted Pakistani citizenship;

(b) if so, whether this information has been received by the Central intelligence agencies as well as the intelligence wing of the Mumbai Police;

(c) whether any such information was conveyed to US and Pakistan; and

(d) if so, what is reaction of the Pakistan Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (d) It is widely known that as part of its policy of sponsoring cross border